



9110-9F P

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Docket No. DHS-2018-0052

Assessing the Risk-Mitigation Value of TWIC[®] at Maritime Facilities

AGENCY: Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection; New request for comment.

SUMMARY: By law, the Secretary of Homeland Security is required to commission an assessment of how effective the transportation security card program is at enhancing security and reducing security risks for regulated maritime facilities and vessels.

Through the transportation security card program, the Department issues the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC[®]). Legislation passed August 2, 2018 restricts the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) from implementing any rule requiring the use of biometric readers for TWIC[®] until after submission to Congress of the results of this effectiveness assessment.

The Homeland Security Operational Analysis Center (HSOAC), a federally funded research and development center operated by the RAND Corporation, will collect information from those involved in maritime security on behalf of the DHS S&T Research and Development Partnerships (RDP) Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) Program Management Office. HSOAC will visit regulated maritime facilities and terminals and conduct interviews using a semi-structured interview method to collect information. HSOAC will analyze this information and use it to produce a public report with its research findings.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and accepted until **[INSERT DATE 60-DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number DHS-2018-0052, at:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Please follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail and hand delivery or commercial delivery: Science and Technology Directorate, ATTN: Chief Information Office - Mary Cantey, 245 Murray Drive, Mail Stop 0202, Washington, DC 20528.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number DHS-2018-0052. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: DHS/S&T/RDP/FFRDC Program Manager: Scott Randels, Scott.Randels@hq.dhs.gov or 202-254-6053 (Not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of Homeland Security, according to Public Law 114-278, is required to commission an assessment of how effective the transportation security card program is at enhancing security and reducing

security risks for regulated maritime facilities and vessels. Through the transportation security card program, the Department issues the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC®). In addition, Public Law 115-230 restricts the USCG from implementing any rule requiring the use of biometric readers for TWIC® until submitting the results of this assessment to Congress.

DHS, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), 44 U.S.C. §3501 *et seq.*, provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. DHS is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. DHS is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology? Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Assessing the Risk-Mitigation Value of TWIC® at Maritime Facilities

Type of Review: New

Affected Public: Port security subject matter experts such as Port Authority Security Managers, Facility Security Managers, Industry Security Managers, and local law enforcement; Labor, Other Industry Operation and Technology Managers

Frequency of Collection: Once, Annually

Average Burden per Response: 60 minutes

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 400

Total Annual Burden Hours: 400

Dated: November 26, 2018.

Rick Stevens,

Chief Information Officer

Science and Technology Directorate.

[FR Doc. 2019-01377 Filed: 2/6/2019 8:45 am; Publication Date: 2/7/2019]